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SUBJ: M16 RIFLES, FOR THAILAND (C)

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1. (C) SINGAPORE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE INFORMED EMBASSY BY LETTER DATED MAY 13, 1975 THAT IT HAS "TOLD COLT INDUSTRIES THAT THE MATTER OF ROYALTY PAYMENTS CAN BE EASILY RESOLVED IF COLT INDUSTRIES REPRESENTATIVES COULD COME AND DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH" THE DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS (FYI - MR. ONG KAH KOK HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE HAS AGREED TO SETTLE THE MINDEF ROYALTY INDEBTEDNESS WITH COLT INDUSTRIES. END FYI). THE SAME LETTER STATES THAT GENERAL KRANGSAK, C OF S ROYAL THAI ARMY ASKED SINGAPORE TO "SUPPLY US UP TO 50,000 M16 RIFLES IMMEDIATELY. WITH NO IMPEDIMENT NOW TO THE PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES TO COLT INDUSTRIES WE ARE THEREFORE PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGING FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE RIFLES."

2. (C) EMBASSY INFORMED MINDEF BY LETTER THAT WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN OF MINDEF DESIRE TO RESOLVE ROYALTY PROBLEMS AND CAUTIONED THAT NO SHIPMENT OF RIFLES SHOULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL COLT OBTAINS WRITTEN CONCURRENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. (C) THE REQUEST FOR 50,000 RIFLES IS FOR THE THAI ARMY. WE UNDERSTAND THAI ARMY HAS PROBLEM WITH HECKLER AND KOCH (H&K) - PROVIDED RIFLE PLANT. MINDEF INFORMS THAT THAIS ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING CONVERSION OF H&K PLANT TO COLT PRODUCTION.

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